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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: **08/886,516**

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With reference to the above-captioned case, enclosed please find the Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003..

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page    of this paper.

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